



BROUNSHIDLE POST 205 LEGIONNAIRE

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NEWSLETTER IS GOING DIGITAL!

Starting with the January 2021 Edition, the Newsletter will be distributed in electronic format. A very limited number of paper copies may be made available, depending on the quantity needed. Please contact the editor, Pam Borawski, or Vice Commander, Ray Borawski, if you will be unable to access the newsletter from the website.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On Wednesday, August 19th, your Milton J Brounshidle Post met in a combined Executive Board & General Membership meeting and hosted both Department of New York 8th District Commander Bill Miskell & Erie County Commander Tom O'Connell, who attended the Post 205 meeting to present County & District Awards.

Congratulations go out to Brounshidle Post 2nd Vice Commander Wayne Baumgartner who, having served as 2019-20 Erie County Legionnaire of the Year, has now been selected as the Department of New York's 8th District Legionnaire of the Year for 2020-21. Wayne's resume will also be entered into consideration for Department of New York Legionnaire of the Year where he has a 1 in 10 chance of being selected. Wayne, while humble, is most deserving and we wish him our best at this next level.

Commanders O'Connell & Miskell also presented Town of Tonawanda Police Officer Julia Taylor with both the Erie County & 8th District Law & Order Officer of the year award. In Officer Taylor's second year as a Town Police Officer, she saved a man from bleeding to death from a stabbing. Her resume will be forwarded for further consideration by the Department of New York. This is the 2nd year in a row the Post submitted a Town of Tonawanda Police Department Officer and both became recipients of this Award. Last year Post 205 Legionnaire TTPD Officer Michael Lewandowski was selected and was Awarded Law & Order Officer of the Year at Department of New York. Not Bad, we are 2 for 2.

Your TVC Board has announced the hiring of 33-year Brounshidle Legionnaire Tim Logue as the new Bar Steward. The board is working with Tim to reopen the TVC Bar by the first Bills Game on September 13th. The last plan discussed was to have a limited schedule opening, possibly with Post Volunteer Bartenders to keep costs down. Please let

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

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Wayne Baumgartner or Bruce Mayfield know if you have any interest in being a volunteer bartender.

I would also like to extend my sincerest thanks to all those who attended the GI Cleaning Party that was held Saturday, August 15th. Legionnaires from Post 205 were joined by members of both the DAV & Korean Veterans, along with Town of Tonawanda Councilman Bill Conrad and his son, to clean the lower Hall.

Post Social Nite and Executive Board meetings continue to be on Covid hold and Vice Commander Ruth Ann Coppola remains in contact with the Buffalo VA about the resumption of Post 205 VA LCR Game Nite. The Hospital still has not relaxed its restrictions and we will not resume functions at the Buffalo VA, until approved.

If at any point during this time of isolation, you or your family need any type of assistance, we are requesting that you do not hesitate to contact any of Post 205 Officers or myself. We will do whatever is necessary to assist you in whatever your need may be. We are Family... I look forward to meeting each of you at any or all of the upcoming Post events when they resume! Thank you for your Continued Service and Support of your American Legion and the Milton J Brounshidle Post!

In Continued Service for God & Country... Stay Well!

Ted Balbierz
Post 205 Commander

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | |
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| Sep 1 st | Social Night – (cancelled) |
| Sep 2 nd | 75th Anniversary of V-J Day |
| Sep 7 th | Labor Day |
| Sep 11 th | Patriot Day |
| Sep 15 th | Executive Committee Mtg (cancelled) |
| Sep 16 th | Regular Mtg (will be held) |
| Sep 16 th | 101st Anniversary of the AL Charter |
| Sep 17 th | Articles for Oct Edition due |
| Sep 17 th | Date US Constitution signed |
| Sep 24 th | Cnty Mtg – Niagara Frontier Post #1041 |

~~*Tonawanda Veterans Club open daily from Noon to 11:00pm.~~

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UPCOMING EVENTS

No events anticipated for the immediate future.

EVERYTHING HISTORICAL

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN U.S. MILITARY HISTORY

- Sept. 21, 1776: Having penetrated British lines on Long Island to obtain information, American Captain Nathan Hale was captured by the British & hanged w/out trial the next day.
- Sept. 15, 1814: Bombardment of Ft. McHenry in Baltimore Harbor.
- Sept. 14, 1847: U.S. troops occupy Mexico City.
- Sept. 17, 1862: Battle of Antietam / Sharpsburg.
- Sept. 24, 1898: General Leonard Wood made Military Governor of Cuba.
- Sept. 12, 1918: The AEF launched its 1st major offensive in Europe as an independent Army at the St. Mihiel salient w/8 Divisions.
- Sept. 26, 1918: Allied Forces begin attack at Meuse-Argonne, the final offensive

- of the War. (1st American Army attacks along 9 Division Front).
- Sept. 1, 1942: NMCB-6 lands on Guadalcanal (1st Seabee Combat Deployment).
- Sept. 3, 1943: Italy submits to the Allies as Germany helps Mussolini escape to set up a Government in Northern Italy.
- Sept. 15, 1950: X Corps, led by U.S. Major General Edward M. Almond, stages audacious landing at Inchon, some 150 miles behind enemy lines. The plan, conceived by UN Commander General Douglas MacArthur is an unqualified success; 10 days later, Seoul is liberated.
- Sept. 19, 1959: Nikita Khrushchev visits the U.S. for 13 days & is denied access to Disneyland. Instead, he visits Sea-World (then known as Marineland of the Pacific).
- Sept. 4, 1967: The USMC began Operation SWIFT in the Que Son Valley of Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam.
- Sept. 26, 1983: The U.S.S.R. nuclear early warning system reports launch of multiple U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles. A Soviet Air Defense Forces Officer, correctly ID's them as false alarms. Decision seen as having prevented retaliatory nuclear attack, which likely would have resulted in nuclear war & deaths of hundreds of millions of people.
- Sept. 11, 2001: Terrorists hijack 4 U.S. planes, crashing 2 into Twin Towers of World Trade Center in Manhattan, while 3rd hits U.S. Pentagon minutes later. 4th plane, targeted to hit the White House, crashes in field near Shanksville, PA, after passengers attacked terrorists. Death toll (not including the 9 hijackers) was 2,977.

OUR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome new members to Post 205: Jeff Eck-London, Ronald Hoffman, Stephen Kaus, Robert McTigue, James Morris, Robert Myszka, Charles Scarpine.

The 2021 Membership Year began on July 1 as usual. Everyone should have received a Renewal Notice from National by now, please contact me if you have not. Be aware that you will receive another one in early October if dues have not been paid by September 10th. The Post's paid membership currently stands at 209, which is 68% of our goal. Keep those renewals coming! Thanks again to all our recruiters! If you know any veteran who is eligible to join, please give them my phone number and I will take it from there.

As always, feel free to contact me directly with any concerns about membership.

Ray Borawski, Membership Chairman

BIRTHDAY WISHES

September: Bruce Atkins, John Bakowski, Henry Bogdan, Howard Clarkson, Anthony Coppola, Phyllis Depronio, Ernest Grosser, Michael Hallman, Kevin Hicks, Claude Imagna, Kenneth Kelkenberg, Frank Kiener, Jack Lang, Michael Livi, Joseph Maline, Stephen McCloskey, Jerome Merkle, James Morrison, Charles Reichle, Richard Rider, Gerald Schoemick, Leonard Scott, John Sieczkarski, Glenn Stelmach, Frederick Thur, Melvin Utz, William Walsh, Robert Wheeler, Carl Wilcocks, Ronald Wozniak, Richard Young, Edward Zybala.

A special 100th happy birthday to Peter Ninos on 9/17/20!!

POST EVERLASTING

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It is the Post Commander's sad duty to report that the following Comrade has been called from our midst, and has reported to the "Commander of All" and is hereby transferred from roles of Milton J. Brounshidle Post 205 to Post Everlasting:

James E. Slattery Jr.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Ed Miller – Chaplain

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please contact Vice Commander Ray Borawski with any changes to your contact information. We want to make sure that you continue to receive all communications from our Post.

INFORMATION CORNER

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AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Auxiliary Members!

Our prayers go out to all who are going through this virus epidemic. It is still here among us in New York, so please stay safe and follow all guidelines.

Our prayers go out to any of our members who are sick or recovering. If you know of anyone who is ill, please call our Chaplain, Helen Schalk at 874-7084.

All Auxiliary Meetings are still cancelled. Once our department is open and decisions can be made, we will discuss when we can begin meeting again. Please watch for updates.

Stay healthy and hopefully we will be together again in the upcoming months.

Pam Borawski – Vice President

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